

CLAIMS

1. A mobile telephone comprising:
an engine assembly comprising a display and a plurality of switches; and
a flexible cover overlying, without an intermediate rigid cover, and snugly fitting the engine assembly and comprising an aperture aligned with the display and an integrated keypad, for user input, aligned with the plurality of switches.
2. A mobile phone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flexible cover is made from flexible material which defines a cavity for receiving the engine assembly and has an insertion aperture through the material to the cavity through which the engine assembly can fit.
3. A mobile phone as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for closing or restricting the insertion aperture after the engine assembly has been inserted.
4. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover comprises a flexible substrate and at least one leather or fabric portion attached to the substrate.
5. A mobile phone as claimed in claim 4, comprising a plurality of fabric or leather portions attached to the substrate and/or each other.
6. A mobile phone as claimed in claim 5, wherein portions of the plurality of leather or fabric portions overlap.
7. A mobile phone as claimed in claim 6, wherein portions of the underlying substrate are exposed.
8. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the integrated keypad has a plurality of key portions on an exterior surface of the flexible cover

and a plurality of corresponding projections on the interior surface of the flexible cover, each of said projections being arranged to actuate one of the plurality of switches of the engine assembly.

9. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover and the engine assembly have corresponding projections and receptacles for aligning the flexible cover correctly with the engine assembly.
10. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover is made from fabric, elastically deformable material, or leather.
11. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover is substantially formed from one-piece of material.
12. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover is substantially made in accordance with the techniques used in the fabrication of sports shoes.
13. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover has an elastic and waterproof substrate adjacent the engine assembly.
14. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover has a moulded elastomer substrate adjacent the engine assembly.
15. A mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the flexible cover is user replaceable.
16. A user replaceable flexible cover for a mobile phone as claimed in any preceding claim.
17. A mobile phone substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as shown in Figs. 3 to 7b.

18. A flexible cover substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as shown in Figs. 3, 4 and b.

19. A flexible cover, manufactured in accordance with the techniques used in the sports shoe industry, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as shown in Figs. 3 to 7b.

20. A mobile telephone comprising:

an engine assembly comprising a display and a plurality of switches and a leather/fabric cover overlying, without an intermediate rigid cover, and snugly fitting the engine assembly and comprising an aperture aligned with the display and an integrated keypad, for user input, aligned with the plurality of switches.